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SUBJ: MEETING OF ANDEAN PACT COMMUNICATIONS MINISTERS--RESULTS

1. COMMUNICATIONS MINISTERS OF ANDEAN PACT NATIONS CONCLUDED THEIR MEETING IN CALI ON MAY 11 AND RELEASED A STATEMENT OF ELEVEN POINTS AGREED UPON. FOLLOWING IS A ROUGH TRANSLATION OF THE AGREEMENT REACHED QUOTE:

1. INCREASE THE EFFORTS NEEDED TO UNIFY THE COUNTRIES' TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS WITH HIGH CAPACITY SYSTEMS.

2. REACH AGREEMENTS TO ALLOW PACT COUNTRIES TO USE, ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS, EACH OTHER'S INTERNAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS.

3. ESTABLISH A PROGRAM OF EXCHANGING INFORMATIVE, EDUCATIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS, USING TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE

EXISTING TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES AND
PROMOTING JOINT PRODUCTION OF PROGRAMS ON THESE SUBJECTS.

4. ESTABLISH AN ASSOCIATION OF STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
AGENCIES TO PROMOTE THE ORDERLY DEVELOPMENT OF SERVICES,
TECHNICAL COOPERATION AND THE FORMATION OF A COMMON EFFORT
REGARDING PROCURING OF EQUIPMENT, ADMINISTRATION OF SERVICES,
AND THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION AND EXPERIENCE.

5. KEEPING IN MIND THE TECHNICAL-ECONOMICAL STUDIES MADE
BY EACH ONE OF THE COUNTRIES' COMMUNICATIONS AGENCIES,
THE ANDEAN PACT NATIONS WILL PROMOTE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
TOWARDS THE GOAL OF ADOPTING A UNIFORM OR COMPATIBLE SYSTEM
OF COLOR TELEVISION.

6. PRESENT A UNIFIED AND COORDINATED POLICY BEFORE INTER-
NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND POSTAL ORGANIZATIONS.

7. BRING ABOUT JOINT PROGRAMS OF SCHOLARSHIP AID, TRAINING
AND RESEARCH IN TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MOTION PICTURE, RADIO AND
TELEVISION PRODUCTION AND MAIL SERVICE, KEEPING IN MIND
AVAILABLE FACILITIES AND RESOURCES.

8. EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON PLANNING PROJECTS FOR ADEQUATE
USE OF THE RADIOELECTRIC SPECTRUM, AND REDOUBLE EFFORTS TO
COMPLY WITH AGREEMENTS MADE WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
REGARDING ASSIGNMENT AND REGISTRATION OF FREQUENCIES.

9. SUPPORT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BILATERAL AGREEMENTS
TO ENABLE AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS FROM ONE
COUNTRY TO OPERATE RADIO FACILITIES IN ANOTHER COUNTRY.

10. BRING ABOUT THROUGH THE APPROPRIATE MACHINERY OF THE
CARTAGENA AGREEMENT THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIAL COMMUNICA-
TIONS COUNCIL. AT THE SAME TIME CONTINUE THE STUDIES CONDUCIVE
TO THE FORMULATION OF A REGIONAL PROGRAM FOR THE ELECTRONICS
INDUSTRY AS RELATED TO TELECOMMUNICATIONS. IN ADDITION,
THROUGH THE PHYSICAL INTEGRATION COUNCIL, PROMOTE
SPECIFIC STUDIES ON POSTAL SERVICE. FINALLY, BEGIN A REGISTER
OF AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS EXPERTS.

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11. UNDERLINE THE NEED FOR ANNUAL MEETINGS OF THE COMMUNICA-
TIONS MINISTERS IN ORDER TO EVALUATE THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THIS DOCUMENT. END QUOTATION.

2. IN A CONFERENCE PRESS RELEASE ISSUED MAY 10, FURTHER DE-

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OF THE DISCUSSION REGARDING COLOR TELEVISION SYSTEMS WERE MENTIONED. FOLLOWING IS A ROUGH TRANSLATION OF THE PERTINENT SECTION OF THE PRESS RELEASE QUOTE:

THE EXPERTS ALSO RECOMMENDED THE ADOPTION OF A SINGLE SYSTEM OF COLOR TELEVISION. THE COLOMBIAN MINISTER IN HIS INAUGURAL SPEECH AT THE MINISTERS MEETING STATES, REGARDING THIS SUBJECT, THAT COLOR TELEVISION MIGHT POSSIBLY ARRIVE IN THE WORLD'S DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AS SOON AS 1985, AND THEREFORE DECISIONS MUST BE MADE NOW ON COMPATIBLE SYSTEMS WHICH WILL PERMIT THE COUNTRIES OF THE AREA TO COMMUNICATE THROUGH THIS MODERN TECHNIQUE WITHOUT THE ADDITIONAL COSTS AND DELAYS WHICH WOULD BE INEVITABLE IF EACH COUNTRY MADE A SEPARATE DECISION. IN THIS RESPECT, THE CHILEAN AND COLOMBIAN ADMINISTRATIONS WILL BE IN CHARGE OF COORDINATING NATIONAL STUDIES AND CONVOKING A PERIODIC MEETING OF EXPERTS. THIS UNIFIED SYSTEM OF COLOR TELEVISION WILL AS AN ADDITIONAL RESULT PERMIT THE FORMULATION OF A REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM EMBRACING ALL ASPECTS OF THE AREA'S ELECTRONICS INDUSTRY. END QUOTATION.

3. A MEMBER OF THE COLOMBIAN DELEGATION INFORMED THE CONSULATE THAT NO DECISION HAS BEEN REACHED ON WHICH COLOR TELEVISION SYSTEM SHOULD BE ADOPTED. THE EXPERTS COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO CONDUCT STUDIES AND SUBMIT TO THE MINISTERS A PROPOSED CHOICE OF SYSTEM. THIS PROPOSAL IS DUE IN TWO MONTHS, ACCORDING TO THIS PARTICIPANT. HE STATED THAT NO TECHNICAL DISCUSSIONS WERE BEGUN ON THIS POINT AT THE MEETING.
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